

## H. H. HOLMES' CRIMES.

Statement Made by the Inhuman Monster.

## MINNIE WILLIAMS' MURDERER.

The Bones Found in the Holmes Castle Were Not Human Bones, So Says the Accused—The Danger He Feared—Minnie Williams' Real Estate in Texas—Starting Statement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A signed statement written by H. H. Holmes in the Mayamensing prison at Philadelphia and certified to by his lawyer, which goes into all the details of his acquaintance with Minnie R. Williams, is printed by a local paper. Holmes writes that he first met Minnie Williams at an intelligence office kept by one Campbell, on Dearborn street, Chicago, in January, 1893, and employed her as a stenographer. She was installed in his office in the building which has become known as "Holmes' Castle," and from March to May of that year occupied rooms in the building adjoining the office.

Occasionally meals were served in the building, and if any bones have been found there, Holmes writes, it will be found by microscopical examination that they are the remains of such meals. He continues: "Certain it is that no human being was ever cremated there during my occupancy of the room, my own experience years ago being quite sufficient to show me the danger of such proceedings on account of the awful odor, if I had no other motive to deter me from such a course."

Holmes says that in April Minnie Williams, knowing him to be in need of money, gave him a draft for \$2,500, the proceeds of the sale of real estate she had held in Texas, and asked him to use it until she should need it. In order that she should be protected he transferred to her by warranty deed a house and lot at Willmette, Ill., valued at \$7,000. The money was returned to her in May, 1893, being paid by Isaac R. Hitt & Company of Chicago. She desired to convert her other southern property into cash or improved northern property, and he advised her to execute a worthless deed (by having some one other than herself to sign the same) to a fictitious person and offer the property for sale at a very low figure and years later to demand an additional sum in exchange for a good deed. This was done, Clarence A. Phillips forging the name of Alexander E. Bond upon the deed so made, which deeds are still in existence.

About this time, Holmes narrates, Miss Williams was taken ill, suffering from acute mania, and was removed to the Presbyterian hospital, near the Clybourne avenue car limits, being enrolled as Mrs. Williams, as her ailment was such that it was prudent for her to pass as a married woman.

When she grew better and returned to his house her sister, Nannie Williams, came from Texas to visit her. Returning one evening early in June from a day in the city he was greeted by a cry from Minnie Williams in the parlor: "Is that you? My God, I thought you would never come. Nannie is dead." She was seated upon the floor holding her sister's head in her arms, rocking back and forth, and moaning much as a mother would over a child. He found that Nannie Williams had been dead for hours, and laid her body upon the bed in his own room, finding no mark of violence, but a slight discoloration on one of her temples.

According to the story written by Holmes, Minnie Williams had been away the preceding night, and he, Holmes, had been unexpectedly detained by business all night. When Minnie Williams returned that morning she noticed that his bed had not been occupied during the night. This is what Holmes writes: "And with only this one thought in her disordered mind had rushed into the adjoining room, where her sister then sat, and in a voice which only the very few who have been intimately acquainted with Miss Williams can appreciate and understand the tragedy of, had said: 'You devil. You have stolen my husband from me.' At the same time she had struck her sister with a small footstool, causing her to fall to the floor, where, with hardly a struggle, she had ceased to breathe."

"At first Minnie thought her sister had only fainted and tried to revive her, then she found her efforts useless and remained in the position in which she found her. Then came the question of what to do. Holmes' story of what was done follows: 'We clothed Nannie in a light dress which she had liked to wear, and taking a large trunk she had brought with her from Texas, I placed her therein. I went to a livery stable and obtained a covered conveyance, and upon my return I engaged a man to accompany me to the house and help me place the trunk in the carriage.'

"I then drove to the lakeside and waited until night had fallen, thus appearing to parties noticing me, if any, that I was awaiting the return of some belated boating party. Then I procured a boat at some distance and took it near my waiting place, and later, with considerable trouble, I placed the trunk in the craft and poceeded about one mile from the shore. There, in the darkness, passed beyond the sight of this world into the ever-grasping depths of Lake Michigan all that was mortal of this beautiful Christian girl. Coming toward the shore I thought it wise to deposit the trunk upon another and more remote portion of the beach. I did this, and, after returning the boat, drove away, and later came back for the

trunk. The housekeeping was broken up, and very shortly thereafter Mr. Hatch took Minnie Williams to Milwaukee, where she remained in a private institution until later in the summer. The cause that produced her unsound mental condition had then been removed.

"We kept Nannie's things several weeks until I could obtain time to dispose of them when I assorted some of them and gave them to Pietzel, telling him that they were some that Miss Williams had sent to his children. All the others were burned in the large stove in the third-story office, and this, I plainly told the Philadelphia authorities in the fall of 1894, and all the subsequent excitement occurred as a direct result of a visit made there by their representatives in verification of my statement. Another trunk containing pictures and books was not taken from the express company, owing to a mistake in charges, though Miss Williams supposed this had also been disposed of, and this was the one later returned to Fort Worth.

"The last I ever saw of Miss Williams was in Detroit, last fall, and my belief is that she is still alive and well."

"Minnie Williams' condition was brought about, so Holmes says she told him, by a prominent Boston business man, head of a firm dealing in surgical instruments, whose wife she visited at their home in Somerville, Mass. This man had acquired an influence over her which she was unable to resist, betrayed her and she met him frequently at a hotel near his place of business, breaking her engagement to marry an honest clerk.

## FOREIGN MARKETS.

Gilt Edge Stocks Have Advanced With the Exception of Mining Stock.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—With the continued influx of gold, the rates for money have again slackened and from the same cause gilt edge stocks have advanced, but the exception was the mining market, in which business was exceedingly quiet, although prices were firm. Home railroads were strong and foreign railroads were quiet. There was a good demand for turks, but Spaniards were weak.

Paraguays advanced on news of the resumption of interest payments. American securities were better, especially the bond issues which were in good demand at advanced prices. Shares were neglected, but the anticipated Erie and Reading organization schemes will, when issued, improve matters. Erie's have been sold on a basis of a \$12 assessment. Grand Trunks have been better on better traffic prospects. Advances have been as follows: Illinois Central, 2; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Lake Shore, 1-1-2. Other movements were fractional.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Seventeen Buildings Burned at Kingston, New York.

KINGSTON, Aug. 26.—Sunday morning a most destructive fire occurred at the village of Rosendale, in this county, by which 17 buildings were burned, and for a time the whole village was threatened with destruction.

Rosendale is situated on the Delaware and Hudson canal, the business portion consisting of a long street bounded on one side by the canal, and on the other by the Rondout creek. The fire started in a barn owned by R. & C. I. Lefever, which was filled with hay and grain. It quickly spread to the houses on the street, and then in all directions, until about every building along the canal was destroyed. Fortunately the fire did not cross the street.

Among the properties destroyed was the store of R. & C. I. Lefever, a lumber yard and a well stocked coal yard belonging to the same firm. Semmon's large hotel, Odd Fellows' hall, the First Reformed church, Dr. Robinson's office and several smaller buildings were also destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

## FORTUNE FOR HIM.

An Old Bachelor Inherits an Estate Valued at \$750,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 26.—Matthew McGinnis, a laborer, living at 249 West Maryland street, has just discovered that he is the heir of his brother, Daniel McGinnis, who died in Toledo, a bachelor, in 1890, leaving an estate valued at \$750,000. The two brothers separated in Ireland when boys, and Daniel spent years trying to find his lost brother who emigrated to the west and came here seven years ago.

He left his estate in trust for five years in the hope that Matthew might be found. The discovery was made through a chance reading an old copy of a Toledo paper, in which the trustees were advertising for the heir to the property. It is in business blocks, stocks and bonds. Had Matthew not been found the estate would then go to the Roman Catholic church under the will.

## Walked Off a Train.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 26.—Conductor Byers took his daughter, Eva, aged 9 years, to Chicago yesterday. On returning last night she woke from a sound sleep and walked out of the car door. She fell under the train and her leg was cut off by the wheels. Her father stopped the train, walked five miles back and found her near Lowell. She had been lying near the track for two hours.

PERRY, O. T., Aug. 26.—Dr. Jamison Vanwater, president, and Casner Blanchard of the defunct Bank of Commerce of Newkirk have been arrested under grand jury indictments, charging them with cheating and swindling. The bank failed four months ago.

## A LABOR STRUGGLE.

Employer and Employees at a Difference.

## EIGHT THOUSAND INVOLVED.

United Garment Workers of New York Will Quit Work Unless the Bosses Concede to Their Demands Nine Demands Made, but No Reply Made to Them—Extra Police Has Been Asked For.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 26.—One of the greatest labor struggles ever waged between employer and employee in this city began Saturday night when 1,000 members of the United Garment Workers' association went on a strike. Unless the bosses concede to their demands before tonight the finishers and button-hole makers, numbering another thousand, are said to be ready to go out, and the difficulty will affect 8,000 laborers. The demands are as follows:

"First—That none but union help be employed in the tailoring shops.

"Second—That wages shall be paid at the end of each week; Friday to be the end of the week for Jewish help and Saturday for Christian help.

"Third—In order to secure the payment of wages, each contractor shall furnish bonds in the sum of \$50 for each machine running in the shop; said amount to be regarded as liquidation of damages for any breach of contract on the part of contractors.

"Fourth—Wages must not be reduced during the winter.

"Fifth—Fifty-five hours shall constitute a week's work.

"Sixth—That the 'blacklist' be abolished.

"Seventh—Contractors are to reinstate all their former employees.

"Eighth—No overtime, piece or task work.

"Ninth—The agreement be for one year."

These articles were thoroughly discussed by the bosses yesterday but they refused to state whether they would sign the agreement. They fear that when they open their shops the union men will interfere and an extra detail of police has been asked for to patrol the vicinity of the shops.

All yesterday the strikers were busy holding mass meetings, at which speeches were delivered by local labor leaders.

Telegrams containing words of encouragement were received from New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Brooklyn and Syracuse.

The strikers' headquarters were crowded and the streets filled with strikers and sympathizers who stood around in groups discussing the situation. There were no scenes of disorder. The shops presented a strange contrast to previous Sundays, the bosses standing idly in their doorways watching the strikers gathered about.

## MATT W. RANSOM.

He Will Be Appointed United States Minister to Mexico by the President.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—A special to The Herald from Washington says: Matt W. Ransom of North Carolina will be reappointed United States minister to Mexico, and the president will thus rectify the blunder made in the first appointment of Mr. Ransom while he was still a member of the senate. Whether Mr. Ransom will return to Mexico or not will depend entirely upon his own wishes.

In deciding what to do in the matter Mr. Ransom will be governed very largely, if not entirely, by consideration as to his health. His experience with the climate of Mexico last spring was not such as to greatly encourage him to return. Mr. Ransom was not well when he went to Mexico, however, and his physicians thought the unfavorable effect of the climate was largely due to his then physical condition and would not have been so serious if he had been well when he left the United States. Since his return to this country he has recovered his health.

If Mr. Ransom finds it advisable to decline the Mexican mission he will probably be offered some other place, though none is now vacant or likely to become vacant in the near future that will compare favorably with the mission to Mexico.

## LATEST FROM HAWAII.

Unless Annexation, Princess Kaiulani Will Be Enthroned.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A dispatch to The Standard from Berlin says that the Vossische Zeitung hears from Honolulu that should America decline the request of the deputation to Washington to annex the islands the Hawaiians will beg England, with America's assistance, to enthronize Princess Kaiulani.

Major Wodehouse, the ex-minister of Great Britain to Hawaii, it is added, has gone to America to advocate this plan.

Major Wodehouse was in New York last week and sailed for England on Saturday on board the Etruria. So far as is known, he had not paid a visit to Washington while in this country. He expressed an opinion to an interviewer in New York that the present government in Hawaii could not endure, and that Kaiulani would be placed on the throne. Mr. A. S. Cleghorn, the father of the Princess Kaiulani, was also in New York last week on his way to England.

## Five Killed and Twenty Injured.

PALERMO, Aug. 26.—An explosion of a boiler occurred at the Sommaco mills on Saturday. The premises were destroyed. Five persons were killed and 20 injured.

## ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIS WIFE. He Afterward Put a Bullet Through His Own Head.

MALDEN, Mass., Aug. 26.—Daniel J. McLeod, a Melrose carpenter, attempted to kill his divorced wife, Mary McLeod, on Washington street, Oak Grove, yesterday afternoon, and afterward shot himself through the head, dying instantly. Although the woman was badly injured, it is thought she will recover.

Mrs. McLeod, who is employed as a domestic by J. Parker Sweet, obtained a divorce from her husband two years and a half ago. Since then McLeod has frequently asked her to live with him, once threatening to shoot her if she refused. Yesterday he met her and renewed his request. Mary refused him, and informed him that she did not wish him to follow her around. McLeod became angry, and drawing a .38-caliber revolver, he fired two shots at the woman, who was close beside him. The first shot shattered her jaw. She ran away before the second shot was fired, and it missed her.

McLeod then placed the weapon behind his right ear and fired. The bullet passed through his brain and he died instantly.

Mrs. McLeod came from New Germany, N. S., three years ago. McLeod was 40 years of age.

## ALMOST LYNCHED.

Private Watchman at Base Ball Park in Trouble.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Prompt action by the police prevented Thomas Sorenson, a private watchman, from being lynched by an angry mob yesterday and the presence of the officers nearly precipitated a bloody riot. During the afternoon a base ball game was in progress back of a coal yard which Sorenson was watching. Some boys climbed up on one of the coals to watch the game and when Sorenson ordered them down they refused to obey. He thereupon threw a large lump of coal at the boys and struck Patrick Holmes on the head, knocking him to the ground. The crowd thought the boy had been killed and the ball field was quickly deserted, the enraged players chasing the watchman inside the coal yard.

The police officers arrived and attempted to keep the crowd back by flourishing their revolvers, but this had no effect. Sorenson and the two officers were chased into the company's private office, and from here one of the policemen managed to send in a riot alarm. Being but a short distance from a police station a wagonload of officers quickly arrived and put the crowd to flight. Sorenson was escorted home by the police.

## Bad Railroad Wreck.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A bad wreck occurred about midnight Saturday at Pulaski, on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad, resulting in the death of Walter Sisson of Yonkers, and the serious injury of two tramps, whose names are unknown. A freight train of 41 cars broke in two pieces while going at a high rate of speed. The break occurred between two gondolas, which were sandwiched in the center of the train. The sections came together while going down a steep grade, telescoping both gondolas, throwing 13 other cars down an embankment and tearing up the track.

## Benedict May Bolt.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—E. C. Benedict, Wall street broker and President Cleveland's close friend, is out in a statement Saturday. He says that unless the Democratic party comes out squarely in its platform in favor of the retirement of greenback currency he will vote against it and in favor of the party which does. When asked what Mr. Cleveland's views were on this subject, Mr. Benedict said he did not know, but the intimacy and close relationship between the two adds unusual importance to the statement made by his broker friend.

## Two Weeks Enough.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., Aug. 26.—John Kimball, 78, who married Isabella Frazier, 35, on the 11th of this month, brought suit for divorce Saturday. He alleges that he was entrapped and coerced into the marriage, and that he has been defrauded of property to the amount of \$4,500, which he deeded to Isabella. The young woman was a clerk in a store. Kimball's complaint charges that her employer was in the conspiracy.

## Connecting With Jackson's Hole.

LANDER, Wyo., Aug. 26.—Major Kramer, commander at Fort Washakie, has made a detail of 40 men from Company F, Eighth infantry, to build a road from Fort Washakie into the Jackson's Hole country by way of Union Pass, the object being to bring Fort Washakie as near Jackson's Hole as possible. It is said the proposed route will save at least two days in the passage across the mountains.

## The Engineer's Statement.

ANTONIO, Colo., Aug. 26.—Elmer Loescher, engineer of the ill-fated Gunny hotel at Denver, arrested here Friday, says that the boiler explosion which killed 22 people, was not due to any carelessness on his part. He claims that before leaving the hotel he banked the fire and made sure that the boiler was two-thirds full of water. He left Denver, he says, because he feared personal violence.

## Settlement Reached.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A dispatch from Naples says that a settlement has been reached between Prince and Princess Colonna. The princess, it is said, is to have charge of the children and pay the prince 30,000 francs yearly.

## THE CHINESE VERSION

Details of the Recent Outrages at Ku-Cheng.

## ALL DUE TO A PECULIARITY.

Objection Made to Houses Built With Basements—The Banditti Believed They Were Intended to Store Treasures—Robbery the Principal Motive of the Raid. The Latest Chinese Papers.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Sam Moy, a prominent Chinese merchant of this city, has received a copy of a Chinese newspaper published at Foo-Chow, which gives four columns of space to the attacks upon the English and American missionaries in June. The paper is interesting, because it contains the Chinese version of the affair, including the reasons given for the beginning of the attacks, which hitherto were supposed to have been purely the results of fanaticism.

A free translation of the principal points of the Chinese review of the riots shows that the attack on the mission houses arose firstly from motives of mere robbery, caused by the building of houses with basements, and secondly by the revelation of corrupt practices of some of the hangers-on of the mission stations.

According to this paper the missionaries had built houses with basements, something unusual in China. As there were no basements in Ku-Cheng or its vicinity, this peculiarity excited the curiosity of the people.

There is a large camp of banditti near Ku-Cheng, composed of the wild tribes and fugitives from justice from the civilized parts of Fo-Kien. These banditti heard of the peculiarities of the construction of the missionary houses, and conceiving that the basements were intended to store treasures, the banditti planned and executed the first raid for the purpose of robbery.

## Progress Slow.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A dispatch to The Times from Shanghai says that the Ku-Cheng inquiry has been proceeding since Wednesday, with all the members of the consular commission present, but progress is slow.

The dispatch adds that a Mohammedan rebellion has broken out in the province of Kansu, and is spreading seriously.

## NOT YET SUPPRESSED.

Another Bull Killed in the Arena at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Aug. 26.—Another bull was killed in the arena at Gillett yesterday in the presence of 6,000 people and the work was done in the style of Spain and Mexico. The first bull turned into the arena was an exceedingly tame animal, even after the darts were in him. He refused to fight and the multitude cried for a new animal. Arizona Charley appeared to be equally disgusted and headed the band of cowboys that drove the bull into the arena.

The next animal made for his life, but its battle was quickly over. Chireta, the king of the arena, in not only Mexico, but in Spain, made two stabs at the animal and then left him practically dead, but the Mexicans with the red cloaks teased the creature and made him dart at them. One came within an ace of losing his life, and there was great excitement in consequence, especially among the little coterie to which the individual belonged. Not a few women fainted.

## Murder and Suicide.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Aug. 26.—Early Sunday morning in a house of ill-fame occurred probably what is a murder and suicide. Max Noack of Marcus, Ia., was found dead with a bullet wound through his brain. By his side lay Hazel Hammond, an inmate of the house, with a bullet in her head. The doors of the room in which the bodies were found were locked and had to be broken into. The lamp had been overturned, and the clothing of the dead man had commenced to burn when the tragedy was discovered. The cause of the tragedy is unknown. Noack had only been in the city a few weeks, and was but little known.

## Excursionists Fatally Injured.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 26.—James Ronin and Edward Schuessler went to Cedar lake yesterday on a Monon excursion. When near Radner the men were playfully scuffling on the platform when they were thrown from the train and fatally injured. The bones of their bodies were broken and protruded through the flesh. They were brought to this city, to their homes, and both will die. Schuessler is unmarried, while Ronin has a family.

## Spreading Rails Caused a Wreck.

MILLERSBURG, O., Aug. 26.—A bad wreck occurred on the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railway near here yesterday. Spreading rails threw one car of a through freight off the track, and 11 cars were piled in the ditch. The track was blocked all day. Three tramps who were riding on the train have not been seen since the wreck and it is believed they are buried under the debris.

## Omaha Pioneer Dead.

OMAHA, Aug. 26.—Henry Pundt, the Omaha pioneer, who went to Europe recently to consult eminent physicians as to his health, died yesterday at Berlin. Mr. Pundt was the first man to open a mercantile house in the territory of Nebraska, beginning in Omaha in July, 1850. He was very wealthy and a prominent citizen.